

# Together WE Build Our Red Sea Community

## BREAKING NEWS:

### OPENINGS & ALERTS:

☺ There is a call for art enthusiasts underway. If you have a Picasso, Monet or Pollock in you yearning to be free or guided to an easel, send a note to Olga so you and she can help KAUST's artistic population find an outlet: [olgakasimov@gmail.com](mailto:olgakasimov@gmail.com)

Find ceramics a better medium for your expression? Let Olga know!

☺ **Starting in January:** ORSC (our **Red Sea** Community) newsletter will provide information on Special Buys, Promotions, and New Items being offered at our big, bright Tamimi Supermarket. Manager Mahmoud Tariq, working with the Community newsletter, is eager to satisfy residents with available inventory. He has a form that you can complete and give him to request an addition to his items. See [kcomm.info](http://kcomm.info) for the form or find it by asking in the store (this issue is very long).

☺ **ALSO**, you now have the opportunity to visit the **community link: [kcomm.info](http://kcomm.info)**. There you'll find all kinds of **useful information** about where to find restaurants and shops in Jeddah, how to locate various campus groups, and such. There are even Jeddah maps to find the places you're looking for. You will be able to **see the ORSC newsletter** there as well, but you will still get it here – first – if you choose.

**ALERT:** ORSC and Big Tamimi are working together to get you connected to the store's activities. SEE inside for details.

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Thanks to Terry King, you can now see **ORSC**

**BACK ISSUES** at

[www.kcomm.info](http://www.kcomm.info)

Tamimi coupon inside.

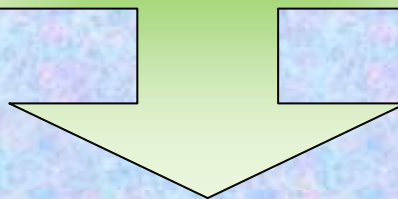
*If you are not yet getting a copy of this **community** newsletter and want to, send me an email:*

[abqwsa1@yahoo.com](mailto:abqwsa1@yahoo.com)

If you have something community relevant to announce, send me an email: [abqwsa1@yahoo.com](mailto:abqwsa1@yahoo.com)

**Contributions** to this **community** newsletter are **encouraged, invited** and **needed**.

Are you available to help?



**V. I. P. s AMONG US****DO you know this person?**

Lin Hao is an MSc student in the Environmental Science and Engineering Program. He came to KAUST on his own from Hangzhou, China. Because he changed his academic direction from civil engineering to his current course, Lin Hao isn't quite sure exactly which area in his program will be his focus. He came to KAUST for several reasons: the different social, cultural and academic opportunities offered here; it's a place to learn about the environment; and, the good professors who also came to teach at KAUST.

**DO you know this person?**

Ioanna K. arrived during the first week of December from Thessaloniki, Greece. Her husband arrived the previous month to begin his post-doc assignment in earth sciences. Having left her teaching job as a computer science teacher, working with students from 12-18 yrs. of age as well as university students, Ioanna is enjoying her free time. How is she spending that free time, you ask? Well..... Ioanna is a runner and is preparing to run her first full marathon next April in Vienna. Having already run a half-marathon there, she is confident that her workout routine at the Harbor Sports Club will lead to success in Vienna.

**Have you seen her?**

**Meet Eman M.** She moved here with her family from Dhahran, in the Eastern Province.

Born into the Aramco community, Eman has always known campus community life. Her father, a procurement department consultant, moved the family to KAUST this past September. Of the Sudanese nationality, Eman enjoys the international aspect of life at KAUST. A recent graduate of college in Egypt, Eman thought she would return to Dhahran to live and work. She is quite happy with her new residence, however. What has surprised her here at KAUST? She says it was the speed at which the houses and buildings were built. While surprised by that fact (and recognizing that speed can lead to mistakes), Eman is finding that life here is really enjoyable. She is able to take advantage of the Harbor Sports Club's activities, the women's groups and the library. She is even going to be helping some Spanish-speaking residents learn Arabic – while they teach her a bit of Spanish.



Who would **YOU** like to **"meet"** here on the ORSC pages? I would love for you to help me zero in on the people you would like to know more about. **Send me a note:** tell me the name, if you have it; tell me the area he/she works in; what the person does or where you see that person. I'll have a go at "investigative reporting."

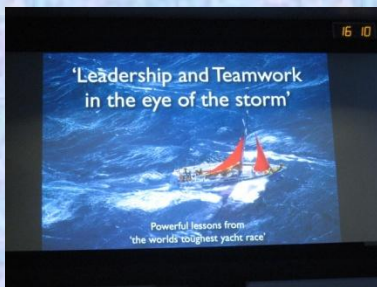
**WORDS' worth:** عمى العين ولا عمى القلب

**Literal meaning:** Blindness of the eye is better than blindness of the heart



### Did You Know that

the community library had a gala opening with beautiful music by 3 talented musicians? Sweet treats and beverages, books and newspapers, CDs and DVDs, new and "old" friends, and a fine Red Sea view – what a *Super Sunday* event it was!



### Did you know that

professional sailor Mark Denton took a crew of mostly inexperienced men and women on a 10-month Global Challenge round-the-world sailboat race? During his presentation on **December 15**, he told his and their story with humor, narrative, still photos and video. Through it all were lessons to be learned that are applicable to people everywhere who are dealing with challenges in all kinds of circumstances.



This is **not** what **any** of our past "Something Tasty" recipes look like; it is what the sailboat crew ate 4 times a day while at sea!

**Did you know that**

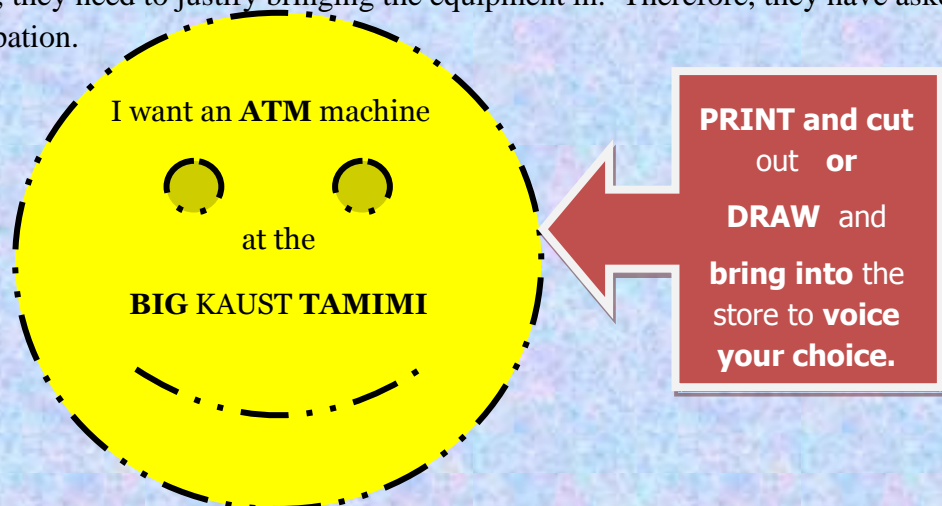
Brandon Twyman and Reham Hijazi told the gathered ladies – during “*Ladies’ Morning Out*” at the Safaa Golf Course Café on Sunday, December 13 – everything the two of them knew about the already established **Self-Directed Groups** and about setting up a new one ?

**Perhaps** there will be another meeting for those of us who work **and** are interested in finding out about these **SDGs**. I’ll try to share that information with you when I have it.

The **Green Group** evidently knew what to do – they are now officially an **SDG**.



**ALSO:** Big Tamimi wants to install an ATM machine in their store for your shopping convenience. **BUT**, they need to justify bringing the equipment in. Therefore, they have asked for resident participation.

**Speaking of voicing your choice: Did You Know that**

there will be a **community council** formed with faculty, students and other KAUSTies participating? It might not happen for a few months yet, but officials have heard residents’ requests for one.

**AND** - with a current readership over 440, this newsletter and you have an opportunity to help change happen. Act responsibly and cohesively and it will be. What is the greater KAUST community looking forward to (more integrated activities?) and how can you help make it happen?



## Saturdays – Wednesdays:

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 8:00 (1)  | IMC/Serafi                        | 13:30        |
| 16:00 (4) | IMC/Al-Ballad                     | 21:00        |
| 17:30 (3) | Hera' Intl                        | 22:00        |
| 17:30 (6) | Serafi/IKEA                       | 21:00        |
| 18:00 (2) | Red Sea/Roshan                    | <b>21:00</b> |
|           | (Wednesdays are at <b>22:00</b> ) |              |
| 18:00 (5) | Mall of Arabia                    | 22:00        |

Route number

Leaves MALL for KAUST

CALL Moussa Daher with questions  
**0560011900**

Don't get left behind – in either direction!

**ALWAYS**  
check with the driver for the MALL return time.

## Thursdays:

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| 7:45 (1)  | IMC/Serafi       | 13:30 |
| 16:00 (2) | Red Sea/Roshan   | 23:00 |
| 16:00 (3) | Al-Tahlia Street | 23:00 |
| 16:00 (4) | Serafi/IKEA      | 23:00 |
| 16:00 (5) | IMC/Al-Ballad    | 23:00 |
| 16:00 (6) | Mall of Arabia   | 23:00 |

Leaves MALL for KAUST

## Fridays:

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| 16:00 (1) | Red Sea/Roshan   | 21:00 |
| 16:00 (2) | Al-Tahlia Street | 21:00 |
| 16:00 (3) | Serafi/IKEA      | 21:00 |
| 16:00 (4) | Al-Ballad        | 21:00 |
| 16:00 (5) | Mall of Arabia   | 21:00 |

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## MOVIE TIME:



**TUESDAY, December 22 : MEKANO: 8:30 PM**

Arabic comedy movie, PG-15;

**WEDNESDAY: December 23, Tom and Jerry the Movie: 6:30 PM,** English animation cartoon movie, PG;

**THURSDAY: December 24, Hotel for Dogs: 8:30 PM,** English comedy movie PG-13.

## Destination = Najran (formerly Aba as Sa'ud) (Arabic: نجران):

(From Wikipedia>) **Najran** is a city in southwestern Saudi Arabia near the frontier with Yemen. It is the capital of Najran Province. Designated a New town by the Saudi Government in 1965, Najran is one of the fastest-growing cities in the kingdom, its population having risen from 47,500 in (1974) and 90,983 in 1992 to 246,880 in 2004 (census figures). The population belongs mostly to the ancient tribe of Yam.

From the-saudi.net>) Being an agricultural city, Najran is famous for its beautiful gardens and public parks. Peaches, apricots, apples, grapes, lemons and oranges are grown on a wide scale. The 73-meter-high Najran dam is one of the region's tourist attractions, giving visitors the opportunity to enjoy scenic views on both sides of the dam.

Najran in Arabic has at least two meanings. It is a term used to describe the wooden frame on which a door opens and is also a synonym for thirsty. Local tradition also has it that the land derived its name from the first man to settle in the area, *Najran ibn Zaydan ibn Saba ibn Yahjub ibn Yarub ibn Qabtan*.

It is said that the history of Najran could be traced back to 4000 years ago and that it was once occupied by the Romans.

**KANOO Travel** is now a 24-hour travel service working out of the CSOB; the correct KAUST number is 808-5444. They are available for personal as well as business travel.



# POTPOURRI



Still thinking about what to do with some spare weekend time? **Kokiyan** is on the water! Check out their schedule and availability for end of the year and holiday trips.

**Give a Book /Take a Book** - Don't know what to do with those well-read paperbacks? Bring them for donation to the Harbor Library's first floor book trading program. While you are there, why not pick up some new ones.

**MARK your calendars** – if you haven't yet:

The WINTER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM starts on **JANUARY 16** and ends on **FEBRUARY 10** with a **FESTIVE** celebration.

THIS is everyone's opportunity to **explore, discover** and **get inspired!**

**There will be Arabic language classes held at the Harbor Library Thursdays and the 2-hour sessions are FREE! You must sign up by January 16. The 8-wk program begins on January 21.**

**808-6648**

To allow KAUST to consolidate all claims and potentially seek reimbursement, we need to have one final, complete, claims statement.

Therefore, we request that anyone who has not yet lodged a claim, but intends to do so, ensures that their claim is mailed to [insurance@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:insurance@kaust.edu.sa) (or for students to: [sarah.smith@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:sarah.smith@kaust.edu.sa))

**BEFORE** 10 January 2010.

If you are in the process of establishing the quantum of your claim (for example, providing quotations for repair) but have not yet lodged it, then we request that you to lodge your claim with an estimate so that we can continue our consolidation.

If you do not lodge your claim before 10 January 2010, we reserve the right to reject your claim as it may impair KAUST's attempt to seek reimbursement for these costs.

For any questions please send an email to [insurance@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:insurance@kaust.edu.sa).

Alternatively contact:

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*"... the simple idea that we have a stake in one another, and that what binds us together is greater than what drives us apart, and that if enough people believe in the truth of that proposition and act on it, then we might not solve every problem, but we can get something meaningful done."* (Obama, Prologue, Page 2)



*Dr. Temille Invites You  
to a Kwanzaa Tea  
on the Safaa Island*

*December 26, 2009 @ 7:00pm*

*Please RSVP @ [Temille.kaust.edu.sa](mailto:Temille.kaust.edu.sa)*

*By December 25 to receive location details*

**Kwanzaa** is an African-American and Pan-African holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. Celebrated from 26 December thru 1 January, its origins are in the first harvest celebrations of Africa from which it takes its name. The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "*matunda ya kwanza*" which means "first fruits" in Swahili, a Pan-African language which is the most widely spoken African language.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders went to the high school to do a bit of hands-on experimentation and students wrote a recount of the experience with a full writing, editing, conferencing cycle to make them as well written as possible. Here are 2 representative accounts:

**Grade Five's Journey To Secondary School**

On Saturday, December 8, 2009, grade five went to visit the Harbor Secondary School. I felt very excited as I went inside the Science Physics Lab that lovely morning with the rest of grade five, because I knew that we were going to be learning about static electricity.

The physics teacher, Mr. E, introduced us to the Van de Graaf generator. This generator is awesome because it can make a little lightning with the discharge ball. If you touch the generator without the discharge ball, you will get a shock. Mr. E drew a diagram of the generator and explained how it works.

After the explaining, Colin was chosen to touch the generator. We saw that after the electrons traveled through his body and into his hair, his hairs were standing on end and he looked like a monster. He said, "I felt this weird tingling sensation." Later, Mr. E took some tissues and ripped them apart. He then put them on top of the generator. Suddenly, the tissues were flying like airplanes. Then, Ms. Gawith touched the generator before turning it on. A few seconds later, her hair was flying like fireworks.



This is when Aylin's hair went up.

Then, Mr. E told all of grade five to stand around the generator and try to feel electrons move near our bodies.

Everybody was amazed with these experiments. Next, it was Aylin's turn to try the experiment. The same thing happened to her, but this time she felt tingling, weird and vibrations. Also, Aylin's hair just went all over the place.

We appreciated Mr. E's time showing us the physics Lab. We also hope to see Mr. E again and do some more exciting experiments in the future. It was a great experience and I will never forget it. We really enjoyed the trip and learning about static electricity at the same time.

by Ameer Jasmin

**The Wonders of Static Electricity**

"Zzz!" A feeling of excitement came over me as I watched sparks flying at the front of the room. The high school's Van de Graff generator and discharger were the causes of this chaos. On the eighth of December, we sat in the high school's physics lab staring with wonder at this amazing machine. This ingenious generator allowed one to see and feel electricity.

Mr. E, a physics teacher had invited us to look at the Van de Graff generator. The generator had a metal sphere and a plastic tube connected to it. A rubber band was inside the tube and it was an elevator for



electrons. Two small brushes were connected to the rubber band to pass electrons onto, went up to the sphere. When the electrons were on the sphere, they jumped to the discharger as a spark.

My class and Mr. E hypothesized what would happen if you touched the machine. Fortunately, Colin was not fried as Lucas had predicted, but his hair stood on end. He looked like a porcupine and the class was laughing their heads off. Colin's hair stood on end as the electrons were trying to get away from each other as they had the same kind of charge.

Next, Mr. E ripped up some tissue and placed it on the generator. Some of the pieces fell on the table. Meanwhile, other pieces of tissue either stuck to the machine or floated in the air and then fell down. Afterwards, everyone in my class had a turn to place their hand in front of the generator. I felt the hair rise on my skin. A few of my classmates felt a small shock.



Later, Ms. Gawith volunteered to touch the generator as she was curious to know what it felt like to have electrons flow through her body. Her hair stood on end and she looked like she had had a bad hair day. My class burst out with laughter, unable to stop laughing. Then, Aylin, Jumana, Abdulrahman and Niman held hands. Abdulrahman touched the generator and held hands with the others. Aylin was at the end of the chain so her hair stood on end the most. Her hair looked very disorganized and my class laughed hysterically.

Later on, Aylin volunteered to touch the generator, as she was eager to know what it felt like to have electrons flow through her body. Like Ms. Gawith, her hair also stood on end. It looked like she had rubbed it against a balloon thousands of times. My class had another good laugh. Next, a few of my classmates asked a few questions before we left the secondary school. For example, Lucas asked what would happen if you connected a "double A" battery and a "D battery" with a wire to a light bulb. Mr. E replied, "Maybe you should try that and see what happens." We left even though we were eager to know more.

It was an exciting and adventurous experience in the world of science. I hope that we can visit Mr. E again to explore the wonders of the world. I also hope that I will be a scientist someday by studying hard, so I may explore the wonders of the world.

by Tinna Solveig Thoroddsen

## TAMIMI AD SHEETS (Prices start Wednes. good at both stores for 2 wks)

**HAVE a happy holiday season and a happy NEW YEAR**